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EMBTEL TO DEPARTMENT 2577 AND DEPTEL TO LONDON 4679

FONOFF (WESTERN DEPARTMENT) BELIEVES ONE OF FACTORS DETERMINING TIMING KHRUSHCHEV'S STATEMENT ON BERLIN AND EAST GERMANY MAY HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS APPARENT SOFTNESS IN WEST GERMAN ATTITUDES AS EVIDENCED BY BUNDESTAG RESOLUTION. FOR THIS REASON FONOFF BELIEVES ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT FEDERAL REPUBLIC REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 18 NOT SUGGEST WEAKNESS OR DIVERGENCE BETWEEN FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND WESTERN ALLIES. FONOFF THEREFORE CONSIDERS KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH SERVES underscore VALIDITY UK CRITICISMS GERMAN NOTE (EMBTEL 2577). FONOFF EXPECTS TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM UK EMBASSY BONN ON GERMAN REACTIONS UK CRITICISMS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT GIVE APPROVAL GERMAN DRAFT.

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EMBOFF HAS INFORMED FONOFF OF US VIEWS AS SET FORTH DEPTEL 4679 ON DRAFT GERMAN NOTE. FONOFF INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH HAS ALTERED IN ANY WAY US ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSED GERMAN REPLY.

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